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I am deeply concerned about the apparent failure of the government to deal in a meaningful way with the Microsoft monopoly and the weakness of the proposed settlement. This company has not changed its behavior or attitude in any significant way since this entire case began. It should be obvious to anyone that the issue is no longer about the Netscape Browser. Recently I concluded several transactions on Ebay and, much to my dismay, I was forced to enter a Microsoft Passport number to complete the process. Just watch, soon there will be a "Microsoft Tax" on all significant Internet monetary transactions. Too many companies know they will lose out in the marketplace if they resist Microsoft's agenda.

Microsoft should be forced to open up its operating system source code. It should be limited in its ability to make company acquisitions for at least eight years. Its continued use of the well-worn bundling trick (remember IBM?) to freeze out the innovations of competitors must be stopped.

Is my government big enough and technically competent enough to take this company on and make a real difference in the market place?

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